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Field Hearing: Examining U.S. – Canada Border Security

Members to Travel to Port of Seattle, Hold Press Conference Detailing Security of Northern Border

WHO: Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA), Chairman

Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection,

and Cybersecurity

Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA), Chairman

Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and

Technology

Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) Rep. Norman Dicks (D-WA) Rep. Shelia Jackson-Lee (D-TX)

WHEN: Tuesday, August 8, 2006

12 PM – Press Conference 1 PM – Joint Hearing

WHERE: Bellingham City Council Chamber

210 Lottie Street Bellingham, WA

WITNESSES

PANEL I

Mr. Thomas Hardy

Director of Field Operations Seattle Field Office U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Mr. Ronald Henley

Chief Patrol Agent Blaine Sector U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg

Adjutant General of Washington Washington National Guard

Hon. Dale Brandland

Senator Washington State Senate

Mr. David B. Harris

Director
International and Terrorist Intelligence Program
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Ambassador Martin Collacott

Senior Fellow The Fraser Institute

Mr. K. Jack Riley

Director Homeland Security Center RAND Corporation

Mr. Gregory Johnson

President Chapter 164 National Treasury Employees Union

BACKGROUND

On Monday, August 7, 2006, the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology will visit the Port of Seattle, travel to the Peace Arch Port of Entry to discuss border security operations with Customs and Border Protection, and visit the Bellingham Air and Marine Branch for a briefing by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Subcommittees will then hold a hearing on Tuesday, August 8th, to address border security with specific focus on the United States – Canada border. The Subcommittees will evaluate the risk of potential terrorists infiltrating the United States from Canada, and assess the proper response for securing our borders against such a threat without damaging the flow of commerce.

Before the Subcommittees convene the joint hearing, U.S. Reps Dan Lungren (R-CA) and Dave Reichert (R-WA) will hold a press conference to discuss the site visit.